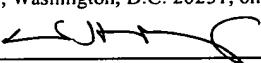


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed October 23, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 17 as follows:

(1) (AMENDED) An oven door locking mechanism which locks and unlocks the oven door at substantially different temperatures which are determined by the mechanism independently of the manner in which the oven is heated or cooled.

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